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Katherine Duffy Dueholm, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Previously, she was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for North America, responsible for the U.S. relationship with Canada and Mexico. From 2022 – 2025, she served as Deputy Chief of Mission in El Salvador. Previous assignments include Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mexico and Central America; Director for Mexican Affairs; Director for Caribbean Affairs; and Director for Regional Affairs in the Department of State's Legislative Affairs Bureau. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Timor-Leste, including over six months as Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Her other overseas assignments include Botswana, Germany, Guyana, and Brazil. In Washington, she was a Special Assistant to then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright; served on detail to the U.S. Trade Representative's Office as Deputy Director for the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement; worked on North American trade; and addressed North Korean issues.

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